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FROM FRANK C. CONAHAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

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SUBJECT: GAO VISIT

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1. GAO IS BEGINNING A SURVEY ON (A) IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 (PUBLIC LAW 93-623, JANUARY 3, 1975) ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FLY AMERICA ACT," AND (B) THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 1241(A), TITLE 46, UNITED STATES CODE, 49 STAT. 2015 (MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936).

2. THE FLY AMERICAN ACT REQUIRES THAT PREFERENCE BE GIVEN TO UNITED STATES AIR CARRIERS WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARRANGES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS TO, FROM OR BETWEEN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO OTHER THAN UNITED STATES CARRIERS ONLY WHEN THERE IS A SHOWING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO USE THOSE SERVICES IN THOS SPECIFIC INSTANCES.

3. THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936 REQUIRES THAT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVELING BY SHIP ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OVERSEAS OR TO OR FROM ANY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, SHALL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS ON SHIPS REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES WHERE SUCH SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE UNLESS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NECESSITY OF HIS MISSION REQUIRES THE USE OF A SHIP UNDER A

FOREIGN FLAG. THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
MAY NOT CREDIT ANY ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL OR SHIPPING EXPENSES
INCURRED ON A FOREIGN SHIP IN THE ABSENCE OF SATISFACTORY
PROOF OF THE NECESSITY THEREFORE.

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR VISIT TO AMEMBASSY ROME ARE TO
(A) DETERMINE WHAT GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND WHAT
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS ARE USED TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
THESE TWO ACTS, (B) DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ADEQUATE PROCEDURES
IN FORCE TO INSURE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL CAN CARRY OUT
HIS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THESE ACTS, AND (C) IDENTIFY ANY
PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT AN AGENCY'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE ACTS AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO IMPROVE
COMPLIANCE.

5. MESSRS. GERALD F. SCHMIDT AND THOMAS J. BRES AND MS.
LOUISE V. GLOVER OF THE EUROPEAN BRANCH WILL BEGIN WORK
AT THE AMEMBASSY ON APRIL 22, 1976. PLEASE RESERVE THREE
SINGLE ROOMS, PREFERABLY AT THE PENSION DARIA ON VIA SICILIA,
FOR THREE NIGHTS BEGINNING APRIL 22, 1976.

6. DIRECTOR EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, CERTIFIES THAT THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAVE
BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL
PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED
BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE
HONORED UNLESS THE PERSONS NAMED BELOW PRESENT OFFICIAL
U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS: GERALD F. SCHMIDT,
BORN OCTOBER 29, 1943, DATE OF CLEARANCE APRIL 20, 1971;
THOMAS J. BREW, BORN JUNE 8, 1948, DATE OF CLEARANCE NOVEMBER 5,
1974; LOUISE V. GLOVER, BORN APRIL 23, 1946, DATE OF CLEARANCE,
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